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SUBJECT: SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH NATO

REFS: (A) BONN 5598, (B) MADRID 2346

1. FONOFF STATES THAT FRG THINKING AS TO HOW SPAIN  
MIGHT ACHIEVE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO HAS NOT  
NOTICEABLY EVOLVED SINCE FONMIN GENSCHER DISCUSSED THE  
PROBLEM WITH SPANISH OFFICIALS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT  
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TO MADRID (REFTELS). HOWEVER, FRG EMBASSIES IN NORWAY,

DENMARK, THE UK AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE BEEN  
INSTRUCTED DISCREETLY TO SOUND OUT THE GOVERNMENTS TO  
WHICH THEY ARE ACCREDITED ON THE SUBJECT. THESE  
INSTRUCTIONS WERE ONLY TRANSMITTED ON APRIL 11, AND  
FONOFF HAS AS YET RECEIVED NO REPORTS AS TO THE  
RESULTS OF THESE SOUNDINGS.

2. FONOFF NOTES THAT GENSCHER VISIT TO SPAIN HAD  
AROUSED LESS DOMESTIC CRITICISM THAN IS USUAL FOR THESE  
ANNUAL MEETINGS BETWEEN FRG AND SPANISH FOREIGN  
MINISTERS. OUR FONOFF SOURCE EXPLAINED THE MILD  
REACTION BY NOTING THAT THE PUBLIC EYE WAS ON EVENTS  
IN INDOCHINA--AND ON THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG IS  
CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE IBERIAN PENINSULA  
AND ELSEWHERE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, FRANCO'S SPAIN  
REMAINS UNPOPULAR WITH MANY OF ITS SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC  
SUPPORTERS. THUS, THE FRG PREFERS NOT TO GET TOO  
FAR OUT IN FRONT OF ITS ALLIES ON THE QUESTION  
OF SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH NATO. THE  
SOUNDINGS REPORTED ABOVE ARE, OF COURSE, DIRECTED  
TOWARDS THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE OPPOSITION TO  
SPANISH MEMBERSHIP OR ASSOCIATION IS STRONGEST. END  
COMMENT.

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